

SENATE No. 72

To accompany the petition of Francis V. Adams and others for legislation to establish a special commission to consider the advisability of establishing an agricultural school and center in Worcester County. Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Six.

RESOLVE ESTABLISHING AN UNPAID SPECIAL COMMISSION TO CONSIDER THE ADVISABILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL AND CENTER IN WORCESTER COUNTY.

1 *Resolved*, That a special unpaid commission, to consist
2 of two members of the senate to be designated by the
3 president thereof, five members of the house of repre-
4 sentatives to be designated by the speaker thereof and
5 four persons, two of whom shall be residents of Worces-
6 ter county, to be appointed by the governor, is hereby
7 established for the purpose of making an investigation
8 and study of the advisability of establishing a county
9 agricultural school in Worcester county, and an agricul-
10 tural center where said school and governmental agri-
11 cultural and farm agencies shall be located whereat
12 adult educational opportunities in dairying, farming,
13 gardening, fruit growing, floriculture, marketing and
14 other related subjects shall be offered and certain special
15 services in milk testing, soil testing and disease and pest
16 control shall be furnished to the residents of said county.
17 Said commission shall consider such sites as may be
18 available and desirable for the location of said school and
19 center, and possibility of acquiring certain buildings
20 owned by the state or the federal government, the costs

21 of acquiring such locations, and the approximate costs
22 of constructing such school and center and staffing and
23 equipping the same. Said commission shall be provided
24 with quarters in the state house or elsewhere, may hold
25 public hearings and may travel within and without the
26 commonwealth. The commission may expend for expert,
27 clerical and other assistance and for expenses such sums
28 as may be appropriated therefor. Said commission shall
29 report to the general court the results of its investigation
30 and study, and its recommendations, if any, together
31 with drafts of legislation necessary to carry said recom-
32 mendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk
33 of the senate not later than the last Wednesday of Decem-
34 ber in the current year.